

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING 75 SEASONS OF SKY TAVERN'S JUNIOR SKI PROGRAM

HON. MARK E. AMODEI

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. AMODEI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sky Tavern, a local nonprofit that is celebrating the 75th season of their Junior Ski Program.

Located just 30 minutes from Reno, Sky Tavern was one of the area's earliest ski resorts. Motivated by her belief that sports were good for children, local skier and schoolteacher Marce Herz convinced the resort owners to begin an affordable learn-to-ski program in 1948.

Since then, Sky Tavern's Junior Ski Program has taught over 100,000 area youth how to ski and snowboard.

Sky Tavern has switched hands a few times over the decades; most recently in 1991, when a group of dedicated parents formed the current non-profit organization that manages the Junior Ski Program and maintains the property. Today, the Sky Tavern Junior Ski Program is the oldest and largest volunteer staffed ski school in the United States.

Notable alumni of the program include David Wise, Olympic gold medalist in the halfpipe, and Tamara McKinney, one of the top American alpine racers.

While this program has turned out some of our nation's best skiers, I would suggest that Sky Tavern's most significant achievement has been to make skiing, snowboarding, and other winter sports more accessible for local children.

Winter sports are a way of life in northern Nevada. From keeping the prices low to helping children with disabilities enjoy the slopes alongside their peers, Sky Tavern has reached countless children who would not otherwise have had the opportunity to participate in this great northern Nevada tradition.

I commend the team at Sky Tavern for carrying on Marce Herz's noble vision and positively impacting the lives of Nevada's children.

RECOGNIZING MS. ANNA MARIA HODGES

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anna Maria Hodges who became the first woman of color and Afro-Latina to hold the position of Clerk of Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Ms. Hodges is a consummate professional with decades of hard-earned experience, leadership abilities, impressive work ethic, and commitment to justice and innovation.

Elected by the people of Milwaukee County on November 8, 2022, Ms. Hodges assumed

office on January 2, 2023, and directs the administrative, recordkeeping, and clerical services that support the Milwaukee County Circuit Court.

Ms. Hodges leads a staff of nearly 300 employees, supervises the management of approximately 150,000 annual cases, and administers a budget exceeding \$42 million. In addition to her statutory duties as the Clerk of Circuit Court, Ms. Hodges serves pursuant to the Milwaukee County General Ordinances as Director of the Milwaukee County Division of Court Services, supervising additional fiscal and administrative services supporting court operations, and provides direction to Milwaukee County's Jury Management Office.

As the Clerk of Circuit Court, Ms. Hodges continues upon her nearly three decades of work expanding public access to our justice system and ensuring efficient court operations. Ms. Hodges' priorities include achieving excellence in customer service, increasing professional development and training opportunities for her office's dedicated personnel, and responsibly administering the records and funding entrusted to her office. Ms. Hodges' service as Clerk of Circuit Court marks only the most recent step in a three-decade career in public service.

A public servant for nearly 30 years, Ms. Hodges previously served as Acting Clerk of Circuit Court in early 2022, Chief Deputy Clerk of Circuit Court from 2018 to 2022, and as Assistant Chief Deputy Clerk of Circuit Court and Civil Division Administrator from 2006 to 2018. She has also served as Court Coordinator and Deputy Director of Litigation Services for the First Judicial Administrative District, as Deputy Director of the Milwaukee Office of former Governor Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin, and as Constituent Services Specialist in the office of former Milwaukee County Executive Francis Thomas Ament.

A resident of Brown Deer, Wisconsin, Ms. Hodges graduated magna cum laude from Cardinal Stritch University with a Bachelor of Science in Management. She is a proud mother and grandmother and is active in her community and church.

Mr. Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to recognize Anna Maria Hodges and her lifelong commitment to public service and Wisconsin. I look forward to seeing Ms. Hodges' contributions and accomplishments as Clerk of Circuit Court.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE SILVER

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Borough of Little Silver, New Jersey on the 100th anniversary of its incorporation. It is my honor to join with its officials

and residents in celebration of this historic milestone.

A part of Shrewsbury Township until 1923, Little Silver has evolved from farmland, woods, and saltwater marshes to a bustling suburb of diverse restaurants, specialty shops, and small businesses. With its location on the water and its proximity to New York City, the area has attracted visitors from the north that have transformed Little Silver from a seasonal resort to the community it is today. Despite its development over the years, Little Silver has maintained its distinct charm and character.

Tracing its history back before its incorporation, the borough has several historical landmarks including its railroad station, post office (which now serves as a museum), and Sickles Market, that began as a farm stand over 100 years ago and is still in operation today. In the 1800s, John T. Lovett opened a nursery that became the largest employer in the area and well known across the country, supplying national retail businesses such as Sears Roebuck. Many of the town's residents can trace their roots back generations. One of the oldest sites in the borough, the Parker Homestead, was inhabited by the same family for 300 years, who were original settlers of the area.

In its 100th year, the borough is governed by Mayor Robert Neff and council members Kevin Brennan, Chris Smith, Donald Galante, Michael Holzapfel, Doug Christensen, and Stephanie Brannagan.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in marking the 100th anniversary of the Borough of Little Silver and celebrating its rich history.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 40th anniversary of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois.

The Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois was chartered in 1983 and now serves over 230 members who are dedicated, community-minded leaders in industry, education, the military, and government throughout the Metro East region.

Assisting institutions throughout the counties of Bond, Calhoun, Clinton, Jersey, Macoupin, Monroe, St. Clair, and Washington, the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois helps to unify the region for growth by promoting general welfare and economic development.

The Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois' many accomplishments include the reaccreditation of the Southwestern Illinois

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